

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
Ethics Board
Thursday, October 7, 2010
Audrey Beck Municipal Building, Conference Room B

Minutes

Members Present: Lena Barry, David Ferrero, Mike Sikoski, Win Smith, Nora Stevens

Staff Present: Maria Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager

The meeting was called to order at 4:31pm.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

II. VICE CHAIR'S REPORT

- a. *Board Membership Update.* Ms. Stevens and Ms. Capriola provided updates. Mr. Nesselroth would like to be considered for the regular member vacancy; this information will be forwarded to the Committee on Committees. The Committee on Committees is also gathering names of residents, in particular attorneys, that may be interested and able to fill Board vacancies. Board members also reviewed their term expiration dates; Mr. Sikoski requested and the Board concurred to seek an explanation from the Town Clerk and Town Attorney regarding the staggering of member terms for those members appointed/reappointed in May 2008.
- b. *Ethics Code Update.* The Personnel Committee has referred the Ethics Code recommended revisions to the Town Attorney for review. It is expected that the Town Attorney will complete his initial review in mid-October and that the Personnel Committee will take up the matter again sometime thereafter.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ferrero to table (postpone) the election of officers to a later date in the year or until the Committee on Committees appoints a regular member and sorts through member reappointments. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. 2011 REGULAR MEETING DATES

Mr. Sikoski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith to table (postpone) setting the 2011 regular meeting schedule to a later date in the year. The motion passed unanimously.

V. ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL

Mr. Smith agreed to assist Ms. Stevens with preparing the Board's annual report submission to Council.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barry to add a communication from E. Wassmundt, addressed to the Board and dated October 5, 2010, as item 6d. The motion passed unanimously.

- a/b. *Regional Ethics Board*. Brief discussion occurred on this item but no action was taken.
- c. *Misc. Ethics articles*. Mr. Sikoski provided an overview of the articles and their author's background.
- d. *E. Wassmundt communication*. Ms. Stevens read the communication to the Board since all members had not received it. Some members briefly commented in response to statements in the communication they believe to be factually wrong.

VII. APPROVAL OF 9/2/10 MINUTES

Ms. Barry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sikoski to adopt the minutes of 9/2/10. The motion passed unanimously with no objections.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PENDING CLAIMS AND LITIGATION – (FOI Complaint Docket #FIC 2010-365)

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barry to enter into executive session. The motion passed unanimously. All present Board members and Ms. Capriola attended. The Board entered executive session at 5:29pm and left the session at 5:34 pm.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Smith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barry to adjourn the meeting. With no objections, the meeting adjourned at 5:34pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria E. Capriola, Assistant to Town Manager